

BRUNEN ON MURDER EVE ACCUSED WIFE

Circus Man Wrote Sister He
Expected to Be Slain to
Get His Money.

HAD JUST SOLD HOME

Declares She Tried to Kill
Him on Christmas, but
He Dodged Bullets.

FORTUNE ABOUT \$100,000

New Light on Tragedy May
Lead Soon to Important Ar-
rest in Riverside.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—The District Attorney's office here made public to-night a letter written by John Theodore Brunen, circus man, who was murdered at Riverside last Friday, to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeschke of Chicago, in which he warns her to beware of his wife and declares that Mrs. Brunen had been planning to do away with him. The wording of the letter in this particular is:

"In case anything happens to me, sister, I want you to come and take full charge of everything. For I think Doty is figuring to do away with me. She talks about it all the time. They never give a woman the penalty, and besides she fears I'll leave everything to you."

Brunen also declares in this letter that his wife had a gun and had hidden it about the house, and he tells his sister that during the quarrel on Christmas Day last, when he shot Mrs. Brunen, she fired at him six times before he got the gun away from her and shot once. The letter was turned over to George A. Welsh, Assistant District Attorney here, by Mrs. Jeschke when she arrived from Chicago last Monday.

Mr. Welsh sent the letter to County Prosecutor Jonathan Kelsey at Mount Holly, N. J., late this afternoon by Joseph McClean, a detective of the District Attorney's office, and he gave it to County Detective Ellis Parker. After Mr. Kelsey had read the letter he said: "There is enough in this letter to warrant issuing a warrant at once for the arrest of somebody on the charge of conspiracy and murder." He would not say what his next step would be in the effort to solve the mystery of Brunen's death.

The letter, as made public by the District Attorney here, is as follows: "RIVERSIDE, N. J., Feb. 20, 1922. "MY DEAR SISTER AND FAMILY: Just a few lines to let you know I am thinking of you. I hope you are all well and happy."

"Well, dear sister, I have sold my home, and it looks so if I will sell the show if I get a chance. I almost gave the home away because it was no home to me. I always tried to be good to Doty's family and they got all that out of me. I found that all out. Her mother is a woman who does not care what her daughters do. They run around with men and they have ruined Hazel. Why, that girl does not pay any attention to me."

"I catch her in lies all the time and know that Doty tells her to do so, for I found them out and now I am waiting. When I trusted them I thought everything was going on right, and I was happy, but when Doty goes with men and lets Hazel marry a tramp from that time on I am not myself."

"Why, they teach Hazel nothing but a lot of the fast life of this world. All her desire is a good time. It al-

ply kills me, for I have struggled so hard that they should have plenty. It is a shame to give up a home because a lot of bad people are butting in. When the time comes so a man thought he could enjoy a home and the family fire-side he finds out he is surrounded by nothing but schemers. They do not fear man or God, only looking for pleasure and evil."

"Doty's sister I had to put out by force, for she is the worst in the bunch. Doty was all right until she came with her family. They simply poisoned her mind, also Hazel's. We all could be happy and contented. I was always good to Doty's people, for I felt so sorry for them. They had me believe their father was so bad, but I know different. They drove him away from home after he failed in business, and now they claim he is dead, but I know he is not. They want his insurance."

Says Wife Wants His Money.

"In case anything happens to me, sister, I want you to come and take charge of everything. For I think Doty is figuring to do away with me, and thinks she can get free, for she talks about it all the time. They never give a woman the death penalty, and besides, she fears I will leave everything to you. She wants to get money, for all she cares for is a good time."

"She shot at me on Christmas Day, and she would have killed me, but I dodged and got my gun and fired, and I hit her in the stomach, but her corset saved her. Only fired once. She stole the gun out of her brother's trunk. Her brother is a good fellow and knows I am right, and he gave her plenty of calls. She shot six times and I only once."

"I am not afraid to die, but I will not let them drive me away. I don't want to do what they do to their father, and husband. I am willing to die in harness, and I will make out a will as soon as possible, dear sister, and send it to you. I have only one dollar, and no one around the show owns anything but me."

"If everything goes all right I will be here for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Pershing bought the home and furniture. The lady I bought the show off. I will write you as soon as I change addresses. "To-night Doty had a gun put away somewhere. It is my gun and she has it. I had words with her this morning again, for I caught her and Hazel lying to me again, just to get money for her sister. They claim they paid for a watch which was broke, and I went to the store and found out it was not so. I do not care for the money end of it. It hurts me greatly how she teaches Hazel to lie and go wrong. She simply is ruining the children, the worst crime on earth."

"I wish you to write me a letter and tell her what it means to harm little ones. You're Hazel's godmother and maybe she listens. Now, sister, should anything happen to me get an attorney and show him this letter. Hoping you are in good health and don't worry over this. Give my best to Bill and the boys. I wish Bill was big enough to be around me, for I am too disgusted to work, for a man wants one to work for and I cannot do it any more. For the ones supposed to be my family I done my best and accomplished my end, only to be disappointed by the ones you think are dear to you."

"Keep this letter and say nothing to your family. "Police under Chief Voehel were watching the Brunen home to-night. The funeral of Brunen was held this afternoon at four o'clock, after the service had been delayed for two hours because of the great crowds that gathered. The prosecutor in Riverside to-night said that the circus man left an estate of approximately \$100,000, which, in the absence of a will, goes to his wife and his daughter Hazel."

TO LIMIT OFFICIALS' RIGHT TO STRIKE

German Government to Introduce Bill in Reichstag.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Berlin, March 14. The right of Government officials to strike will be limited legally by a Government bill to be introduced in the Reichstag next month. Employees in the civil service can be discharged for failing to render complete or partial service, and after discharge cannot be re-employed for five years under the measure's provisions. It provides for a hearing before the civil court if such hearing is asked within four weeks after dismissal.

The bill is the result of the recent railway strike, when the Government took the stand that its employees had no right to strike.

PERSHING PROTESTS AGAINST ARMY CUT

Says House Committee Proposal Imperils National Defense System.

CRITICAL HOUR AT HAND

Frequent Slashes Since War Have Damaged Service. Asserts General.

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Associated Press).—House Appropriation Committee proposals to cut the regular army to 115,000 enlisted men and 11,000 officers aroused Gen. Pershing to-day to a renewed declaration that the whole national defense project put through in 1920 would be imperiled if the slash recommended was made by Congress. Success of that "sound policy and system of national defense," he said in a statement to the Associated Press, depended upon adequate provision for the military establishment.

"The fibre of the regular army has been thoroughly tested," Gen. Pershing added, "by the strains placed upon it not only in time of war, but in time of peace, when it has had to withstand the onslaughts made upon it in the name of economy or pacifism."

"It appears now, due to the demands for economy in our national expenditures, another critical hour for the army and the national defense is at hand."

Army Morale Affected.

Referring to "the frequent slashes" in army strength made by Congress since the war, Gen. Pershing declared that a "vindicating course" with respect to army personnel discouraged competent men from entering the service and lowered morale and efficiency within the army until it was "difficult if not impossible to use to advantage the services of even the best of such personnel."

"But whatever Congress may see fit to grant," the Chief of Staff added, "the army will, as it always has, apply itself to giving the nation as much national defense as it can. It will not quit, no matter how badly crippled."

"It does ask, however, not through selfish interest but in the interests of the country, that its missions, its personnel and its means of accomplishing the missions be given some permanency and that it be permitted, through continuity of effort, to give the country a full return for its expenditures for national defense."

Main Line of Defense.

Outlining the disposition now made of the army under the authorization for 150,000 men and 13,000 officers which Secretary Weeks has asked for the coming year, the Chief of Staff said that the army organized citizen soldiery is our main line of national defense.

"In time of war," he added, "behind the thin outpost line of professional soldiers, the standing army, it must mobilize, complete its training and take the field."

Plans for this organization and mobilization and training had been made, Gen. Pershing said, based not "upon our assumption of a saber rattling attitude, as some would have us believe, but upon having the means with which to defend ourselves and meet force with force if necessary."

The "overhead" organization of the Regular Army was not only for its own administration, but for "the whole military establishment, regular, reserve and potential," Gen. Pershing said. Thorough study of the requirements had fixed the necessary overhead personnel, he added, at 2,300 officers and 14,700 men to deal with "general direction, administration and supply" for the entire establishment. Supplementing this was the army school system designed to provide 1,600 officers for "high command and staff duties," which would be the number required, Gen. Pershing said, "for the first mobilization in any national emergency." The personnel required now for the schools, he added, was 2,630 officers and 5,800 men. Now assigned to organized reserve units, Gen. Pershing said, were 1,000 officers and 1,800 men, and the numbers must be increased as the system developed to at least 1,550 officers and 9,550 men.

ANCIENT LAW FREES WIFE 'AS COERCED'

Mrs. Violet Peel Benefits by Justice Darling's Stand in Turf Betting Case.

WORKED WITH HUSBAND

But Old-Time Rulings Hold a Woman Dare Not Contradict Her Spouse.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, London, March 14. Mrs. Violet Peel, charged with obtaining money from bookmakers by means of telegrams timed earlier than they were actually sent, thus making bets on races after the result was known, was discharged to-day when Justice Darling ruled that "the evidence shows that she did everything in the presence of her husband" and that "presumption of coercion exists."

It had been previously testified that she was allowed £7,000 yearly by her father, Sir Robert Jardine. She gave her husband, Capt. Owen Peel, £300 monthly. Her husband, who pleaded guilty to a similar charge, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment by the Second Division Court.

The trial of Mrs. Peel attracted a large number of persons prominent in social and sporting circles, including the parents of the beautiful defendant, who was fashionably dressed, adorned with jewels and carried a fan instead of smelling salts, as on the previous day. Justice Darling, in basing his ruling on the ancient law, said:

"I should say there is evidence that she obtained money from bookmakers in this manner, but it was proved that the two defendants were husband and wife, and that raised quite another question. This is a well established law and I am perfectly satisfied that it does apply to the offenses which are charged against the defendant in this indictment. It is founded on the assumption that a woman would never dare to contradict her husband."

Ancient Law Invoked.

"Although I am bound to administer this law, the assumption, whatever it may have been in Saxon and Norman times, is no longer in accordance with facts. It is absurd to say that a woman does not dare to contradict her husband. Evidence shows that the defendant did everything in the presence of her husband and one is driven to the conclusion that the presumption stands, although there was a prearrangement. She was not in the post office while anything was done. For all that, she handed the telegrams in and kept them back. She had a suspicious conversation, obviously with Dow (a clerk in a London stock broker's office). She afterwards paid £300 to Dow. He (Peel) was there all the time and before she left the telephone he spoke to her."

"Let us presume that she said: 'Paragon (the name of the winner of the race) has won' and he sent the telegrams. He was there all the time when she took part in the fraud. In all these circumstances I come to the conclusion that the doctrine stands. I am bound to apply the law, although it is in my judgment a case I should have been bound to leave to a jury had she not been the wife of Capt. Peel."

Justice Darling pointed out the laws relating to coercion which counsel had invoked. He said they went back to the days of King Ina of the West Saxons and were incorporated in the enactments by King Canute and that those were the laws affecting the status of women to-day.

Outside the Pale.

In passing sentence Justice Darling remarked that the act to which Peel had pleaded guilty were quite outside the pale of that society in which honest gentlemen would desire to move. He said that Peel in making the bets had left nothing to chance and that he had taken advantage of an old man and a young girl—the postmaster and his assistant through whom he had sent the telegrams placed the bets. The Justice added that it was right in his judgment that the punishment direct and indirect

suffered by a gentleman of position who does dishonest things should be heavier than that placed upon the poor people who aided him, for there was nothing that could be called temptation in this case.

Capt. Peel is 38 years old. He and Mrs. Peel were married in 1919. They have a baby boy. It was made plain in both the case of the wife and husband that the charge only referred to forged telegrams and that no count in the indictment alleged that they had knowledge of the winner of the race.

Leslie Dow, a stock broker's clerk, who was alleged to have given Mrs. Peel the name of the winning horse over the telephone before the telegrams were sent off by Peel, was not called to testify; the prosecution saying that he could not be put forward as a truthful witness.

Probably no turf scandal ever attracted such widespread interest here, for it reached the upper circles as well as the man in the street and the office stenographers who use the telephone and telegraph to place bets on horse races.

GHOST HUNTER STILL BUSY WITH REPORT

Marconi Doesn't Think Fires Due to Wireless Aerial Play.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 14.—Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, the scientific ghost hunter from New York, announced to-night it would take him another day to complete his report on the ghost of Antigone.

The report, dealing at length with the mysterious fires and other manifestations that drove Alex Macdonald with his family from their home in Caledonia Mills—and with the moot question of whether Dr. Prince saw or didn't see the ghost—probably will be made public to-morrow, he said.

The Halifax Herald cabled to William Marconi asking him whether aerial play between the radio stations at Glace Bay, N. S., and Wellfleet, Mass., could have caused the blazes, as suggested by some materialists.

"I don't think so," read a brief answer to the Herald says the inventor replied.

CALLS ON SPIRITS TO LOCATE MISSING MAN

Sister of Missing Theatrical Owner Engages Medium.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. TORONTO, Ont., March 14.—Ambrose Small, Toronto theatrical proprietor, missing for over two years, may be located through spiritualism if a medium at Windsor, Ont., realizes her hopes.

Mrs. Sidney Nunan, who announced recently her belief that she could locate Small, has been engaged by Small's sisters to attempt to solve this mystery by an incursion into the spirit world.

"I think he is still alive and in some place not far away," said Mrs. Nunan, "but whether dead or alive we can find him and can learn step by step what has happened to him since the day he disappeared."

BISHOP WALSH SEES POPE.

Presents Number of Sisters of Philippine Order.

ROME, March 14.—The Right Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Trenton, N. J., to-day was received by Pope Pius XI. The Bishop said he found the Pontiff in perfect health and vigor.

After the audience the Bishop presented to the Pope a number of Sisters of the Philippine Order, to whom the Pontiff spoke paternally and imparted the Apostolic benediction.

PRIEST PUT ON TRIAL IN STUDENT MURDER

Abbe Delorme Accused of Killing Stepbrother in Montreal.

WILL MADE IN HIS FAVOR

Defence Tries to Set Up Plea of Prisoner's Mental Irresponsibility.

MONTREAL, March 14.—The preliminary hearing on the charge that Abbe Delorme murdered his half-brother proceeded to-day despite efforts of the defense to show that the priest was not in a mental condition to know what was going on.

The crown called several witnesses in the Court of Inquiry to testify regarding the finding of the body of Raoul Delorme, Ottawa college student, on the outskirts of this city last January, and evidence tending to link the priest with the crime. Then, after cross-examination, the hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

First the prosecution concerned itself with the alleged motive—money. Father Rheume of Ottawa College testified to the authenticity of a will made by Raoul in February, 1921, in which he left most of his estate to the priest. The college official was a witness to the document.

Theophilus Marcotte, a life insurance company agent, was the next witness. He testified that the abbe brought his half-brother to his office and said he wished him to take out a \$25,000 policy to acquire the habit of saving.

Then Detective George Lajoie, assigned to the case, was called, with exhibits that included a revolver, chicken feathers, bloodstained automobile seats and a quilt. Repeating previous testimony, the detective said the bullets found in Raoul's head were .25 calibre—one bore of the abbe's revolver.

He also asserted that barrel markings made on bullets which he had fired from the priest's revolver corresponded to those on the pieces of lead that had ended the student's life.


The feathers came next. The detective swore they were similar to those clinging to a cloth found wrapped around Raoul's head. He found them, he said, in the priest's car, along with the bloodstained cushions.

Then the quilt was exhibited. The witness pointed to its peculiar design and asserted that the aforementioned blood stained cloth wound around the dead man's head had been torn from the quilt. The quilt, he added, had been taken from the room of Lilly Delorme, Raoul's half-sister.

Efforts to stay the proceedings were made as soon as the case was called. Gustav Monnet, defense counsel, asserting that his client was not in a fit mental condition to assist his lawyers. He asked Judge Cusson that a psychopathic examination be made before the hearing continued. The Judge decided that the evidence by the prosecution must be taken now.

TRENTON MAYOR FOR GOV.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. TRENTON, March 14.—Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly of this city became a receptive candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor next fall at a testimonial dinner tendered to him this evening, at which his boom was formally announced. About 600 Democrats participated.



Get your payroll to employees

Who'll get your payroll this week? Your employees who earn it, or "Hands up!" who believes might is right? Let Holmes Patrol escort your messengers from bank to plant.

HOLMES PATROL PROTECTION

139 Centre St. Tel. Franklin 6030 Night, 96 W. 39th St. Tel. Murray Hill 3030

Franklin Simon & Co.

A Store of Individual Shops

FIFTH AVENUE, 37th and 38th STS.

Announcing the Arrival of Additional

ORIGINAL MODEL PARIS CREATIONS INCLUDING CALLOT MODELS

Last Minute Arrivals Via The S. S. Paris

CALLOT LANVIN JENNY PREMET MADELEINE ET MADELEINE PATOU DOEUILLET RENEE GOUPY YTEB

Just received in the Individual Shops is an important collection of original model Paris gowns, wraps, and suits, completing both the distinction and the number of the Franklin Simon & Co. importation from the latest Paris Openings.

Franklin Simon & Co.

A Store of Individual Shops

FIFTH AVENUE, 37th and 38th STS.

Introducing

CORSETS MADE OF IMPORTED FRENCH SILK ELASTIC

For Madame and Mademoiselle

Facile in the Matter of Fabric Facile in the Manner of Use

14 IN. LONG, HOOKED IN FRONT 29.75

16 IN. LONG, HOOKED IN FRONT 35.00

14 IN. LONG, SLIP-ON MODEL 28.00

The latest corset fabric is as resilient as the waistline itself. French silk elastic which is fashioned into soft corsets for daytime or evening wear.

FEMININE CORSET SHOP—First Floor

B. Altman & Co.

The Smart Parasol

For early Spring use

is a sophisticated affair of extremely modern shaping, but, as often as not, with a Dolly Varden complex.

In other words, the new idea in parasols has a way of expressing itself in terms of glazed chintz or toile de jouy, the designs of which sometimes reflect the Chinese influence, sometimes the old English, and sometimes the old French. In any case the parasol has a most engaging personality, which is charmingly emphasized by the novel mountings.

(First Floor)

Madison Avenue - Fifth Avenue

34th and 35th Streets New York

HANAN SHOES

for Men for Women

We do not deem ourselves absolved from responsibility with the sale of Hanan Shoes. That responsibility, commenced with your purchase, continues with service and concludes only when the Shoes have grown old honorably. The surety of Hanan Quality makes our responsibility a light one.

ELEVEN SHOPS THROUGHOUT GREATER NEW YORK

HANAN & SON

Franklin Simon & Co.

A Store of Individual Shops

FIFTH AVENUE, 37th and 38th STS.

For Madame

NAVY BLUE TAILORED FROCKS

The most talked of mode in Paris is the revival of navy blue day-time frocks

69.50

PARIS SAYS "NAVY BLUE" IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, AND THE WOMEN'S GOWN SHOP, PRESENTS NAVY BLUE GOWNS IN SMART MODELS OF NO UNCERTAIN FASHION BUT IN THE ESTABLISHED PARIS MODES.

OF POIRET TWILL, TRICOTINE, SPONGEEN OR KASHA CLOTH

With new military braiding, with sleeves of contrasting color, with fanciful girdles, with modish embroidery or with novelty block checks.

WOMEN'S GOWN SHOP—Third Floor